(a) whether NH-6, Surat-Dhulia is going to be developed as a Model Highway; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Presumably the term "Model Highway" in the Question is referring to widening of the National Highway to 4-lane or higher facility. Within Surat-Dhulia section of NH-6, only Gujarat/Maharashtra border to Surat section of NH-6 has been identified for 4-laning under NHDP-IIIB. The bids for preparation of Project Report are under evaluation. Maharashtra/Gujarat border Dhula section of NH-6 is having 2-lane carriageway and is presently not included under any scheme for upgradation of 4-lane or higher facility.

Four laning of NH-9

1128. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has given its approval to develop and convert NH No.-9 into four-lane between Hyderabad and Vijayawada;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated expenditure for this project;

(d) whether any time-frame has been fixed within which the project is expected to be completed;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir. 4 lanning of Hyderabad-Vijayawada Section of NH-9 has been approved under NHDP Phase IIIA.

(b) and (c) Preparation of Detailed Project Report for this stretch of NH- 9 is under progress. On finalisation of the said report only, the estimated expenditure for this project will be known.

(d) to (f) NHDP Phase IIIA is planned for completion by the year 2010.